These rare and endangered species, which include medicinal plants alongwith their names and uses, are published in the "Red Data Book of Indian Plants". Three volumes of the Red Data Book have been published so far a copy each of which have been sent to the library of the Parliament. According to these surveys, some medicinal plants have become vulnerable to extinction.

(c) The Government has not received reports of large scale exploitation of scarce plants from the wild by pharmaceutical companies.

(d) Assistance is provided to botanic gardens for creating facilities for ex-situ conservation for endangered and endemic plants, which include medicinal plants under a centrally sponsored scheme. In addition, there is a scheme captioned Conservation and Development of Non-Timber forest Produce, including Medicinal Plants under the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board which promotes cultivation of medicinal plants alongwith other Non-Timber Forest Produce plants. Besides, regulation of anthropoganic activities in the protected areas, namely, Biosphere Reserves, National Parks and Sanctuaries, is expected to protect medicinal plants in these areas from over-exploitation and extinction.

Proposal to Split ONGC

280. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to Split the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) into six independent companies with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited as holding company; and

(b) if so, the rationable behind this restructuring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश के गांवों में डाकघरों का खोला जाना

281. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के शहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पड़ने वाले सभी गांवों में डाकघर खोलने की कोई योजना बनायी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कार्यान्वयन हेतु बनायी गयी योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और इस प्रयोजनार्थ जिला-वार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गयी है; और

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में संचार नेटवर्क के विकास के लिए कुल कितनी धनराशि का प्रावधान किया गया है तथा विकास कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) जी नहीं। राज्य के सभी गांवों में डाकघर खोलने की कोई योजना नहीं है। सरकार का उद्देश्य निर्धारित प्राथमिकताओं के अनुसार उत्तरोत्तर रूप से डाकघर खोलना है, बशर्ते कि दूरी, जनसंख्या और आय संबंधी मानदंड पूरे होते हों, और योजना निधि उपलब्ध रहे।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में वार्षिक योजना 1995-96 के दौरान 9 अतिरिक्त विभागीय शाखा डाकघर और 9 उप डाकघर खोलने की योजना बनाई गई है। वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में डाकघर खोलने के लिए 0.48 करोड़ रु० आवंटित किए गए हैं। धनराशि का जिलावार आवंटन नहीं किया जाता है।

(ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Allotment of land by Paradeep Port Trust to Indian Oil Corporation

282. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been allegations about the flouting of land lease rule in the case of allotments of prime land of Paradeep Port Trust to the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for setting up of an oil refinery; and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted into the allegations; if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. A Press report alleging Paradip Port Trust flouting land lease rules in allotting land to M/s Indian Oil Corporation had appeared in the "Statesman" dated 26.10.1996

(b) No enquiry has yet been conducted in the matter.

Steps to speed up trials under TADA

*283. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of people in the country booked under TADA were in jails as undertrial prisoners for over five years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to speed up their trial in the changed circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b) A statement showing number of persons under detention is attached. (*See* below). This Ministry does not maintain year-wise breakup.

(c) This Ministry has been repeatedly writing to the State Govts. for speedy trial and quick disposal of TADA cases. Pending cases are also being reviewed by the Review Committees constituted as per the directions given in the Supreme Court.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the States/ UTs	No. of persons under detention under TADA
1.	Andhra Pradesh	158
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
3.	Assam	427
4.	Bihar	81
5.	Gujarat	234
6.	Goa	2
7.	Haryana	97
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6
9.	J & K	3049
10.	Karnataka	130
11.	Kerala	Nil
12.	Manipur	103
13.	Madhya Pradesh	32
14.	Maharashtra	635
15.	Meghalaya	12
16.	Punjab	286
17.	Rajasthan	163
18.	Tamil Nadu	88
19.	Uttar Pradesh	21
20.	West Bengal	6
21.	Chandigarh Admn.	5
22.	Delhi	302
	TOTAL:	5839